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SHIPBUILDING SCHOOL OPENED IN SZCZECIN

INDUSTRIES NEED ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS -- Trybuna Robotnicza, No 37, 6 Feb 50

Poland is beginning the Six-Year Plan with a shortage of professional personnel. In comparison with the theoretical needs of the metallurgical industry, Poland has 34.8 percent of the necessary engineers and 50 percent of the necessary technicians. In the metal industry, Poland has 26 percent of the necessary engineers and 80 percent of the necessary technicians, in the coal industry 32 percent of the necessary engineers and 75 percent of the necessary technicians, in the power industry 65 percent of the engineers and 53 percent of the technicians, and in the food-processing industry 52 percent of the engineers and 68 percent of the technicians.

Within the next 6 years, 150,000 persons will graduate from professional and academic schools. The number of graduates from professional schools of the secondary level will total around 300,000. In addition to these, 800,000 persons trained in various trade levels will graduate from primary professional schools. Also, 1,300,000 persons will be trained in various other courses and in preparatory professional schools.

At present, the investment expenditures within the Six-Year Plan include 50 billion zlotys for higher education and 74 billion zlotys for secondary education.

TO COMPLETE RIVER NAVIGATION COURSES -- Slowo Polskie, No 40, 9 Feb 50

A class of 30 students will soon complete a course in river navigation at the School of Inland Navigation in Wroclaw, Brucknera 10, and will then be employed on the Odra River. The Wroclaw school is the only one in Poland for river navigation.

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The Elblag School of Inland Navigation teaches lake navigation. The first 5 months are devoted to the theory of navigation, river regulation, mechanics, mathematics, geography, history, the Polish language, a foreign language -- either Russian or German -- physical education, and athletics. The second 5 months are spent in practical training in the shipyards and on the water.

The students are recruited from small farmers and the working class. The routine is patterned on military schools and provides an active physical life. Working conditions are good. Room and board are free, and the students earn from 7,000 to 15,000 zlotys a month during their practical training.

Future plans for the school include a swimming pool, better laboratory equipment, and radiofication.

90 STUDENTS ATTEND SZCZECIN SCHOOL -- Polska Zachodnia, No 6, 5 - 11 Feb 50

Great activity is noted at the Szczecin Shipyards, which have been substantially rehabilitated. At present, however, no new ships are being built; only repairs are being done.

The ZSP (Association of Polish Shipyards), with the cooperation of the DOSZ (Regional Administration of Vocational Training), organized a Public Intermediate Vocational School at the Szczecin Shipyards, which was opened last September. The shipyards provide the building, the equipment, and the workshops, and the DOSZ supplies the teaching staff.

At present, the school has two first-year classes numbering 90 students. It occupies the second floor of a four-story modern building. As yet, it does not have all the necessary equipment. The workshops occupy the first floor.

The first year of the course is given over to general education, the second and third to specialization. Since the school is definitely a shipbuilding school, pertinent trades are taught, such as precision mechanics, metalworking, welding, fitting, ship construction, and motor installation. The balance of the required trades, which number 53, are taught in the Shipbuilding School in Gdansk.

All students are ZMP members and assist the workers in planning activities, which are open to students and workers.

In the coming year, the school expects to have five classes, including two second-year classes.

NEW POLYTECHNICAL INSTITUTE OPENS -- Taegliche Rundschau, No 87, 14 Apr 50

An Institute of Engineering, Poland's fifth polytechnicum, has been opened in Katowice.

A total of 3,000 engineers are being trained at the new university and four similar ones located in Warsaw, Gdansk, Wroclaw, and Bialystok.

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